

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

~~It is an object of the present invention to protect an instep of a tourist or an inspector at a worksite where safety shoes are required without forcing him or her to replace shoes.~~ A protecting tool [[1]] for a shoe [[9]] comprises an overshoe type attaching member [[2]] which is put [[on]] over a footwear in a state of wearing the footwear, and a protecting member [[3]] having rigidity and attached to the attaching member [[2]] so as to cover at least an instep portion, wherein the protecting member [[3]] comprises a curved portion [[31]] which is curved along at least a shape of the instep portion, and a leg portion [[32]] which comes into contact with the ground when the curved portion [[31]] receives an impact so that the curved portion [[31]] is prevented from moving toward the instep portion in a state in which the curved portion [[31]] is spaced from the instep portion, and the attaching member [[2]] comprises holding means [[4]] for holding the protecting member [[3]] such that a lower end edge [[32a]] of the leg portion [[32]] is located above a ground-contact surface except a case in which the protecting member [[3]] receives an impact.